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DNR Reports...

By the year 2020, it is projected that an additional 830,400 people will reside in Maryland. This 20% growth in population could change extensive areas to developed uses reported The 2020 Panel, a 12 member appointed commission whose task was to study growth in the Chesapeake Bay region through the year 2020. They projected an increase of 554,550 housing units that could impact 296,403 acres of land.

This growth in human population will, no doubt, have an impact on wildlife. Development is inevitable, and with it changes to the environment.

We cannot stop this development from happening, but we can do things to minimize its impacts to the environment. One such effort is currently underway that brings the development community and natural resource professionals together to discuss developing compatibility with nature. Called Natural Design in Development, a series of interactive workshops has been initiated by our urban wildlife and forestry programs. The goals of NDD are to increase communication and cooperation among land use professionals and to achieve a better development product that is economically feasible and environmently sound.

To date, three workshops have been held; one in Cecil County, one in Baltimore, and one in Chevy Chase. Over 400 planners, landscape architects, developers, environmental consultants, biologists, and foresters have participated. Most came from Maryland, but a few came from surrounding states and an Audubon Society representative came from as far away as New Hampshire.

The tone of the workshops are set with a few talks on various aspects of developing in an environmentally sound manner, such as how to preserve trees on site, how to avoid impacting wetlands, maintaining wildlife habitat, etc. The talks are then followed by the workshop itself. The audience is divided into groups composed of one of each professional discipline. Each group is assigned the task of developing, on paper, a piece of property with various environmental considerations. The real value of this exercise is to have the various disciplines interact and provide their prospective to the group. This increases the participants awareness and understanding of the other disciplines and, hopefully, leads to better working relations between these disciplines.

These workshops have been well received by the participants and have led to increased communication between the development community and natural resource managers. Through this type of effort, the impacts of increasing development pressures may be less detrimental to our natural world.

Glenn Therres

Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order by John Malcolm, President at 10:25 a.m. on September 15, 1990. The following were in attendance:

President—John Malcolm, **Vice President**—Rich Dolesh, **Treasurer**—Emily Joyce, **Executive Secretary**—Joy Aso, **Secretary**—Joan Stephens, **Past President**—Bob Ringler.

Directors—Jug Bay—Wally Stephens, **Anne Arundel**—Phil Davis, Allan Harvey, **Montgomery**—Lola Oberman, John Bjerke, **Washington**—Ann Mitchell, **Frederick**—Norm Chamberlin, Mel Bennett, Keith Van Ness, **Kent**—Maggie Duncan, John Lorenz, **Wicomico**—Linda Cashman, Elizabeth L. Pitney, **Harford**—Bill McIntosh, Bill Russell, Tom Congersley, Pam Rhoads, **Howard**—Martha Chestem, Joanne Salem, Ralph Geuder, Jane Farrell, **Carroll**—Melinda Byrd, Bill Kulp, Rick Blom, Wayne Gordon, **Baltimore**—Karen Skuldt, Joy Wheeler, Bill Newman, **Talbot**—Jeff Effinger, **Patuxent**—Chan Robbins.

Presidents Report:

All of the committee chairs have been filled.

A grant has been made of approximately $16,000 to the Atlas Fund for the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This should put the Atlas in the black for now.

Treasurers Report:

All chapter treasurers should send an annual report to the state treasurer. Dues and mailing list should be sent to the treasurer instead of sending two lists, one to treasurer and one to mailing.

The money from one bequest has been received and there is a possibility of two more bequests.

Changes in the budget which were approved:

Adding $500 for Miscellaneous
Adding $900 for Office Supply
Adding $600 for Printing

Executive Secretary:

The Rain Forest challenger will give $1000 if MOS raises $1500. Rich Dolesh is looking into ways to implement this gift, but so far only $40 has been received.

All chapters should check the recently

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Scholarships Available

The MOS Scholarship Committee is now soliciting applications for seven educational scholarships. Five of these scholarships are for study at an Audubon Summer Ecology Workshop and two for training in Ornithology.

The Audubon Summer Ecology Workshops generally run one week and are repeated throughout the summer at the camps in Maine, Connecticut and Wyoming. The winning candidates can attend at a time and place of their choice. The scholarships for training in Ornithology send winning candidates to a one week ornithology workshop given by the Audubon Society at the Maine Audubon Camp.

Applicants for all scholarships must be at least eighteen years old, must be residents of Maryland or work in Maryland. They do not have to be members of MOS. The intent is to train people who are in positions or in activities in which they can pass on what they have learned to others.

Applicants should write a personal letter stating their qualifications and reasons for wanting the scholarship. They should also secure two or more letters of recommendation from MOS members or other individuals who know of their interests and activities. These letters should be sent to the local chapter president and then forwarded to the Chairman, MOS Scholarship Committee. Candidates must indicate whether they are primarily interested in a scholarship to an Audubon Ecology Workshop or in a scholarship providing training in ornithology.

Winning candidates will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee. All candidates and their chapters will be notified of the results in March. There is a deadline of February 9th for all letters of recommendation and applications to reach the committee. If extension of time is required, please contact your chapter president or the committee chairman.

Mildred Gebhard, Chm.
MOS Scholarship Committee

Board News

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mailed address list for accuracy and phone numbers.

Past President: No report

Audit: No report

Budget:

All committees need to have their figures to the chairman, Norman Chamberlin in December so that the budget can be worked up in January.

By-Laws:

There are some additional corrections to be made to the manual of operations. A marked-up copy will be sent before the next meeting so that members can see what the proposed changes are and be ready to vote on them. These changes will bring the manual into line with current and actual practices.

Conference:

The next conference hosted by Montgomery Chapter, will be on Memorial Day weekend, May 24/26.

A long discussion followed regarding field trips leaders. John Bjerke, President, Montgomery Chapter, said he would be sending a letter to all chapters asking for trip leaders in numbers equaling their directors.

A suggestion to pay leaders was discussed and the general consensus was that this was NOT a good idea.

In order to attract good birders as leaders, there should be pre-conference training sessions, which John Bjerke said Montgomery Chapter plans to arrange in the spring.

Other ideas:

- Local people arrange logistics
- A map for each car
- A list of possible sightings
- Training session in each chapter

A copy of a guide for trip leaders was handed out to each chapter.

Sanctuary:

Report is attached from Dottie Mumford regarding work days.

Raffle:

This was so successful last year that Joy Wheeler is arranging to get an irresistible prize. Tickets will start being sold in January.

Atlas:

Two areas of concern:

1- The art work must be sent to the printer camera ready, but that may have been solved already.
2- There are 45 species accounts not in. These must be turned in or they will be given to someone else to write.

The maps are being worked on.

A volunteer is needed to make up two final lists, a trip list and a contributors list. Someone with a computer could probably do this over a few weeks by devoting two nights a week to it.

Vice President:

A new speakers list has been handed out. This will be handled from now on by the new Education Committee Chair, Keith Van Ness.

Conservation:

The non-tidal wetlands bill which has passed is going to face problems as many builders, landowners, developers and farmers will try to gut it when the regulations are being implemented. MOS needs to keep the pressure on our local elected officials. Some counties may be delegated to handle this and we need to make sure that the county has a program if they are delegated.

Please write the Governor about Black Marsh. There are a number of plans being made that keep the actual wetlands, but allow some development, which might include a restaurant, amphitheater, and boat dock. All of these would require parking areas which add to the run-off into the marsh area. The Governor needs to know that a large number of people are in favor of keeping this last undeveloped area near Baltimore.

The Fort Meade property will go mainly to Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and credit should go to Congressmen Hoyer and MacMillin and Senators Milkulski and Sarbanes. There is another parcel of about 1,000 acres that the state will not buy, but Anne Arundel might.

Events:

Chesapeake Bay Foundation leadership training will be held on October 27/28 at the National 4H center. Cost will be $50.

Maryland Greenway Conference will have Rich Dolesh as a speaker.

Education:

Working on the following:

- Speakers list
- Junior Nature Camp
- Training of field trip leaders
- Program development to promote conservation
- Utilizing MOS for educating children and the public.

Each chapter should work on ways to build field trips leaders. A good book, "A Handbook for Field Trip Leaders", is available and one was given to each chapter.

Library:

Joy Wheeler announced a new book that has been received, tittled, "Decoys".

Research:

More papers will be solicited for presentation at the next conference.

Publications:

The March issue of Maryland Birdlife is being mailed in the next two weeks. The June issue is just being started. Please get any changes in to Chan as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

In the By-laws it is unclear whether a sustaining membership is individual or family. This will be changed to individual. Emily Joyce has copies of the letters of Incorporation, IRS tax exemption and state tax exemption if anyone needs copies. A bond on Ohio Bell that belonged to MOS turned up and has been taken care of by Emily Joyce.

One person needs to be in charge of the MOS display, and know where it is at all times. It was decided that **Education Chair,** Keith Van Ness, would keep track of this.

The MOS license plate effort is still short by 14 forms. In order to get the plates we must have 100 signed-up, at this moment we have only 86.

Lola Oberman asked if there is an up-to-date list of sanctuaries. Dottie Mumford will asked about this as she was not present.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter is in the mail from Phil Davis regarding problems with BT and Bluebirds. BT has been used to control Gypsy Moths, but it may be doing some damage to Bluebirds. If you have observed anything, small eggs, lack of hatching or females deserting nests, please call Melanie at 301-924-4142. Other groups are also studying BT.

Kent Chapter has Green Valley calendars for sale for $5.00, of which they will donate $4.00 to the Atlas fund.

John Malcolm thanked the Baltimore Chapter for their hospitality and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Stephens, Secretary

Rainforest Challenge Met

MOS received a challenge grant of $1,000 to help protect rainforest in the tropics. It was contingent upon the Society raising $1,500 as a match. Treasurer Emily Joyce is happy to report that the Society has met the challenge, and has raised $1,715 as of December 21st. The monies will be used to protect rainforest habitat in Costa Rica.

The MARYLAND Check-off Works.

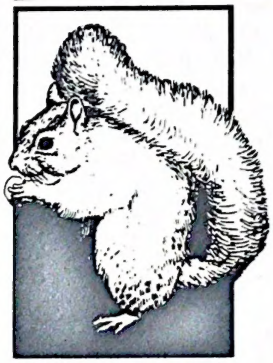
Please Give.

Thank you!

Eagle habitat is being protected.

Trees are being planted.

Children are being educated.



Delmarva Fox Squirrels are being saved.

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Maryland/DC Records Committee Status Report

Committee News: During its 1990 annual meeting the MOS Records Committee voted to expand its coverage and change its structure. Committee member Dave Czaplak suggested the committee fairly infrequent, it is difficult to maintain a review committee just for DC. The committee agreed, and changed its name to the Maryland/DC Records Committee.

The committee also agreed to restructure and expand its membership to better meet its current needs. To this and the committee will increase to nine members as of April 1991, with members holding three-year terms (rather than four-year terms). In addition, the Chairman/Secretaryship was split into two separate positions. The chair for 1990-91 is Claudia Wilds and committee members are Bob Augustine, Roger Clapp, Dave Czaplak, Hank Kaestner, Harvey Mudd, Paul O'Brien, Bob Ringler, and Chan Robbins, with Erika Wilson serving as Secretary.

Nominations for three new committee members beginning in April 1991 are open. Any MOS member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the committee; please send your nominee's name, telephone number, and experience with Maryland's birds to the Secretary (address below).

Status of Records Under Review: The following records have been taken up for review by the committee since the last *The Maryland Yellowthroat* listing:

Yellow-nosed Albatross—Atlantic, east of Ocean City, Worcester Co., 01 February 1975.

Wood Stork—Hampton, Baltimore Co., 11-25 July 1989.

Ross' Goose—Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., 25 November-11 December 1989.

Swainson's Hawk—Washington Monument State Park, Frederick Co., 24 October 1989.

White-rumped Sandpiper—Lilypons, Frederick Co., 3-6 December 1988.

Red Phalarope—Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co., 14 August 1988 and Great Falls, Montgomery Co., 12 March 1989.

Black Guillemot—Assateague Island, Worcester Co., 28 December 1989.

Atlantic Puffin—Atlantic, east of Ocean City, Worcester Co., 16 March 1975.

White-winged Dove—Appleton, Cecil Co., 9-27 March 1989.

Rufous Hummingbird—Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., 08 November 1952; Lilypons, Frederick Co., 01 May 1971; and Takoma Park, Prince Georges Co., 09 November 1988-17 April 1989.

Red-cockaded Woodpecker—Waldorf, Charles Co., 22 December 1989.

Varied Thrush—Wheaton, Montgomery Co., 07 May 1989.

Northern Shrike—Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Prince Georges Co., 03 January-07 February 1988.

Lark Sparrow—Denton, Caroline Co., 16 February 1986 and Clarksville, Howard Co., 12 October 1988.

Sharp-tailed Sparrow—Univ. Maryland Central Farm, Howard Co., 09-10 October 1988.

Harris' Sparrow—Nassawango Iron Furnace, Worcester Co., 04 February 1989.

The following records have been accepted:

Great Cormorant—Conowingo Dam, Harford Co., 29 January 1989.

White Ibis—Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., 7-28 March 1988.

Ruff—Blackwater NWR, Dorchester Co., 23 April 1982 and Lilypons, Frederick Co., 17 April 1988.

Red Phalarope—Hart-Miller Island, Baltimore Co., 14 August 1988.

Franklin's Gull—Sandy Point State Park, Anne Arundel Co., 19 June 1987.

Black-legged Kittiwake—Bellevue, Talbot Co., 09 October 1988.

Lark-Sparrow—Denton, Caroline Co., 09 February 1986; Denton, Caroline Co., 16 February 1986; and Clarksville, Howard Co., 12 October 1988.

The following records have not been accepted:

"Bewick's" Tundra Swan—West Ocean City, Worcester Co., 13-20 February 1982.

Curlew Sandpiper—North Beach, Calvert Co., 28 March 1987.

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Mini Lecture Man's Influence on Bird Life

One can not pick up the daily newspaper without reading about the influence of man on the environment. Without being specific, one can say that man has destroyed habitat, placed restrictions on animal populations, and has caused the extermination of many animal species. Whether for good or bad, man has also altered the distribution of bird populations.

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New Year's Resolution:

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Mini Lecture

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Many birds are exanthropic. These species prefer to live away from man in "untouched", natural areas. Forest-dwelling raptors, like the Northern Goshawk, are an example of such birds that avoid human environmental manipulation. Other bird species like living with man. These birds prefer to nest in or on man-made structures. Barn Swallows, Chimney Swifts, Phoebes, and Barn Owls fall into this category. The term used to describe birds with this preference is eusyanthropic. Finally, there is a group of birds that prefer habitat that has been altered by man. These birds enjoy yards and farmlands. Animals that show this preference are said to be synanthropic. The Killdeer, Morning Dove, and Robin fall into this class.

Evolution is dynamic. With or without man's help or meddling, the zoogeography of bird life throughout the world will undergo change. It is my hope that man will have the wisdom to preserve the wonders of our feathered friends; for, wherever they live, birds are a dynamic part of our ecosystem; a part that should be enjoyed, studies, and observed by all our future generations.

Joseph M. Lewandowski

Brown Pelican Production Down During 1990

ANNAPOLIS—For the first time since brown pelicans began nesting in Maryland, the number of breeding pairs declined in 1990. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) biologists found only four breeding pairs at the colony site that the pelicans have used since they first nested here in 1987. Of these, three pairs sucessfully raised four young. Maryland is the northern most nesting location of brown pelicans in North America.

"This decline was a disappointment because all indications from the past three years led us to expect a continued increase in the number of breeding pelicans," said Dave Brinker, colonial waterbird biologist for the DNR-Forest, Park and Wildlife Service (FPWS). Breeding brown pelicans had increaed from an initial six pairs that produced five young in 1987 to 26 pairs that produced 33 young in 1989. Since 1987 pelicans have produced a total of 62 young in Maryland.

The reason for the decline is unknown, although several possible explanations exist. Severe weather during December 1989 has been implicated in the death of many brown pelicans in North Carolina and it may have affected Maryland breeders. Although biologists are still not certain where the Maryland breeding population of pelicans winters, recoveries from banded young may provide some indication. One Maryland chick produced in 1989 was found dead as a result of the cold December weather on Cape Hatteras. Last December's cold is thought to have stressed Maryland's breeding pelicans.

The spring of 1990 was cool and the annual spring increase in fish populations was somewhat delayed. "When the stress of last December's cold and the later than normal increase in fish abundance are combined, they are probably responsible for the decline in Maryland breeding brown pelicans during 1990," Brinker theorized.

The brown pelicans that usually nest in Maryland may have "short-stopped" on their spring return to breed at Fisherman's Island, Virginia. There, a colony of approximately 100 breeding pairs formed during 1990. This was the largest number of breeding pelicans ever recorded for Virginia. "We have no indications that habitat conditions, or anything else, has significantly changed to warrant concern for the future of pelicans nesting in Maryland. At this point the low number of brown pelicans that bred in Maryland this summer is viewed as a normal fluctuation. We hope that conditions this winter and during next spring will be such that we'll see a recovery of the Maryland breeding pelicans during 1991," added Brinker.

The FPWS's Nongame and Urban Wildlife Program will continue to monitor breeding populations of colonial waterbirds, including brown pelicans. These efforts and others designed to benefit nongame and endangered wildlife are funded, in part, by contributions to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species tax checkoff fund.

Agreement Reaches on Release of Ruffed Grouse in Southern Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has initiated a five-year project to reintroduce ruffed grouse into Maryland's coastal plain. Aiding DNR's Forest, Park and Wildlife Service (FPWS) in this program are the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS), Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), and Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, a private landowner in Charles County.

The aid offered to FPWS is outlined in a memorandum of understanding signed recently by representatives of the three organizations. Assistance from RGS will include funding, technical support and equipment and personnel needed to live-trap ruffed grouse for release in Southern Maryland.

Access to locations in Pennsylvania where ruffed grouse can be trapped will be provided by PGC. That agency also has offered technical and logistical assistance if needed by FPWS in its efforts to reintroduce grouse into the coastal plain region of Maryland.

While suitable habitat exists on Maryland's coastal plain, ruffed grouse do not exist there now. Although, they did at one time, according to historical accounts. And ruffed grouse currently occupy habitat in Virginia similar to that found in Southern Maryland's Charles County.

Timberneck Farm, a tract of land in Charles County owned by Rev. Brinsfield, has been selected as the site at which grouse live-trapped in Western Maryland and Pennsylvania will be released. The site and the lands adjacent to it contain ideal habitat for ruffed grouse. FPWS biologists will monitor survival and movement of the grouse following their release at Timberneck Farm.

"The conservation movement is based on cooperation, such as this, between state wildlife agencies, private conservation organizations and private citizens," Gary J. Taylor, director of FPWS Wildlife Division, said on signing the memorandum for DNR. Paul C. Welkel, PGC deputy executive director, and Ron Burkert of RGS signed for their respective organizations. The signing ceremony took place near the release site at Timberneck Farm.

MOS Calendar—February/March 1991

Saturday-Monday, February 16-18

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 19th Annual Winter Weekend. Winter birding along the Atlantic Coast from Delaware to Chincoteague. Come for one, two, or all three days. Leader to be announced. Make reservations by February 14.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. President's Birthday Coastal Trip. Cover the Delmarva Peninsula from Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel north to Chincoteague NWR, Ocean City, and Delaware coastal refuges. Joint trip with Audubon Naturalist Society. Space limited, reservations only. The leader is Paul Dumont, 703-931-8994.

Saturday, February 16

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Chincoteague NWR. Winter waterfowl, gannets, possible brown-headed nuthatch. Meet 10:30 a.m. at the refuge visitor center. The leader is David Brinker, 301-744-3246.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Owl Prowl. Meet 3:30 p.m. at the Easton High School parking lot. The leader is Jeff Effinger. For further information, contact Carolyn Mills, 301-745-5209.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Gettysburg for short-eared owls and winter birds. Meet 1:30 p.m. at MD Rt. 65 and I-70 Park & Ride. The leaders are the Lewises.

Sunday, February 17

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Ocean City. Winter waterfowl and gulls; oystercatchers, brant, and purple sandpipers probable; red-throated loon, gannet, eider, little gull possible. Meet 10 a.m. at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot, by the jetty. The leader is David Brinker, 301-744-3246.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Waterfowl in Howard County. Exact locations to be determined at a later date. Meet 8 a.m. at Grempler Realty, Columbia. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 301-461-3361.

Wednesday, February 20

MEETING. Jug Bay. "A Love Affair With An Island: 12 Years of Migration Banding on Appledore Island, Maine," by David Holmes. 7 p.m. at Patuxent River Park. For information, call 301-627-6074.

Saturday, February 23

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Cape Henlopen to Ocean City. Snow buntings, red-throated loons, great cormorants; eiders and harlequin ducks possible. Meet 7:30 a.m. at radar tower parking lot at point, Cape Henlopen State Park. The leader is Henry Bielstein, 301-292-9592.

Sunday, February 24

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Baltimore Harbor. Wintering ducks, gulls. Scopes helpful. Meet 8 a.m. at the Harbor Hospital Center's south parking lot off Hanover Street. The leader is Michael Kraynick, 301-437-7554.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Maryland/Delaware Coast. See ducks, gannets, and short-eared owl could highlight this perennial favorite. Meet 6:30 a.m. at the Ames parking lot, between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace on Rt. 40. The leader is Les Eastman, 301-734-6969.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Owl Trip. 12:30 p.m. until after dark. The leader is Dave Weesner, 301-749-0829.

Monday, February 25

MEETING. Wicomico . "Brown Pelicans," by Dr. Robert Hedeen of Salisbury State University. 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Tuesday, February 26

MEETING. Patuxent. "The Spotted Owl Controversy and the Protection of Old-growth Forest," by David Wilcove. 7:45 p.m. at the Bioscience Bldg., Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. For directions, contact David Mozurkewich at 301-459-3375 (H) or 202-653-0948 (W).

MEETING. Washington. "Planting for Wildlife," by Jim Mosher. Potluck supper at 6 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Funkstown Elementary School.

Thursday, February 28

BIRD DISCUSSION GROUP. Baltimore. Mating Systems of North American Birds, polygyny, monogamy, polyandry, etc. Begins at 9 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:30. Registration for entire series: $10.00. To pre-register, send check for $10.00 payable to "Baltimore Bird Club." Send to the coordinator, Joy Wheeler (301-825-1204), 531 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21204, or pay upon first visit.

Friday, March 1

MEETING. Anne Arundel. Annual business meeting followed by membership show & tell. 8 p.m. at the Annapolis Branch of the Anne Arundel County Library, 1410 West St., Annapolis.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Peregrine Falcons in Baltimore," by John Barber. Annual business meeting and social, 8 p.m. at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center.

Saturday, March 2

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Bird banding at the home of Charlie and Gail Vaughn, 301-742-7221. Meet 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 3

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Owl Trip. Limit 12. Make reservations with the leader, Bonnie Ott, at 301-461-3361. Meet at 5 a.m. Further details available from the leader.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Rockburn Branch Park. Looking for tree sparrows, kinglets, winter wren, creepers, and sapsuckers. Meet 7:30 a.m. at park office. The leader is Bonnie Ott, 301-461-3361.

Tuesday, March 5

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. National Zoo Trip. Bird identification walk to study hard birds the easy way—up close with a field ID expert. The zoo has a large collection of birds from six continents, including such difficult species as trumpeter swan and Ross' goose. Meet 9:30 a.m. by the bald eagle cage near Connecticut Ave. entrance. The leader is Claudia Wilds, 202-333-5769.

Wednesday, March 6

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Lake. Meet 8 a.m. at parking lot off of Centennial Lane. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 301-461-3361.

Thursday, March 7

BIRD DISCUSSION GROUP. Baltimore. Nesting Habits of North American Birds. We'll use our nest collection to illustrate the diversity of nest building strategies. Begins at 9 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:30. Registration for entire series: $10.00. To pre-register, send check for $10.00 payable to "Baltimore Bird Club." Send to the coordinator, Joy Wheeler (301-825-1204), 531 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21204, or pay upon first visit.

MEETING. Frederick. "Purple Martins," by Richard Martin.

MEETING. Talbot. "Birding the Great Basin Desert," by Dr. Robert Trevor. 7:30 p.m. at Loyola Federal Savings & Loan, Easton.

Friday, March 8

MEETING. Montgomery. Annual Social and Election. Watch the newsletter for details.

Saturday-Sunday, March 9-10

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Chincoteague Weekend. Contact Jean and Larry Fry at 301-452-8539 by February 22 to make arrangement for overnight accommodations. Meet at 6 a.m. at the Rt. 152/I-95 Park & Ride.

Saturday, March 9

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Sandy Point State Park, Anne Arundel Co. Owling and then "normal" birding. The leader is Chris Beaton, 301-849-8451. Meet 4 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride lot off Jennifer Road.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Jug Bay on the Patuxent River. Waterfowl in river marsh habitat; winter landbirds, early migrants. Meet 8 a.m. at park headquarters. The leader is John Bjerke, 301-963-8525.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Wilde Lake. Focus on waterfowl. Meet 8 a.m. at boat dock. The leader is Helen Zeichner, 301-730-3695.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Altona Marsh near Charles Town, WV. Meet 8 a.m. at MD Rt. 65 and I-70 Park & Ride.

Sunday, March 10

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore & Howard. Centennial Lake. Joint trip with Howard Co. Chapter for grebes, ducks, and early migrant songbirds. Meet 8 a.m. at the lot off Centennial Lane. The leader is Bonnie Ott, 301-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Jug Bay. Patuxent River Park. Meet at the park office. The leader is Mary Kilbourne, 301-627-3741. Reservations required.

FIELD TRIP. Talbot. Horne Point Lab tour. Refreshments provided by

Calendar *continued*

Don and Joyce Merrit. Meet at 7 a.m. in front of the courthouse in Easton. For further information, contact Carolyn Mills, 301-745-5209.

Tuesday, March 12

MEETING. Kent. "Life Histories of North American Rails," by Greg Kearns. 7:30 p.m. at the Lent County Library, Chestertown.

Thursday, March 14

BIRD DISCUSSION GROUP. Baltimore. Warbler Identification by Song and Story. A review using slides, tapes, and study skins. Begins at 9 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:30. Registration for entire series: $10.00. To pre-register, send check for $10.00 payable to "Baltimore Bird Club." Send to the coordinator, Joy Wheeler (301-825-1204), 531 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21204, or pay upon first visit.

MEETING. Howard. "The Barn Owl in Maryland," by Glenn Therres. 7:30 p.m. Longfellow Elementary School, Columbia.

MEETING. Montgomery. Program TBA. 8 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, March 16

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Loch Raven. Waterfowl and land birds. Bald eagle, bluebird, or fox sparrow possible. Scopes recommended. Meet 8 a.m. at the Timonium Park & Ride lot. The leader is Steve Simon, 301-628-1929.

Sunday, March 17

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Piney Run. Good variety of waterfowl possible. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Grempler Realty, Columbia. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 301-461-3361.

Tuesday, March 19

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Lilypons. Meet 9 a.m. at MD Rt. 65 and I-70 Park & Ride.

Wednesday, March 20

MEETING. Allegany. "Flora of the Upper Potomac Valley," by Melvin Brown. 7 p.m. at the Board of Education on Washington St., Cumberland.

MEETING. Jug Bay. "An Affair With Alaska," by Paula & Georges McNeil. Annual elections held tonight, 7 p.m. at Patuxent River Park. For information, call 301-627-6074.

Thursday, March 21

BIRD DISCUSSION GROUP. Baltimore. Visiting lecturer, to be announced. Wrapup with emphasis on record keeping and lists. Begins at 9 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:30. Registration for entire series: $10.00. To pre-register, send check for $10.00 payable to "Baltimore Bird Club." Send to the coordinator, Joy Wheeler (301-825-1204), 531 Hampton Lane, Towson, MD 21204, or pay upon first visit.

Saturday, March 23

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Garrett County Ponds. Meet 8 a.m. at Parkside School in Cumberland.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Anne Arundel Co. Late waterfowl and early shorebirds. Entrance fee charged. The leader is Chris Beaton, 301-849-8451. Meet 7 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Rice lot off Jennifer Road.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run. Wintering and early spring migrant waterfowl and landbirds. Scopes recommended. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the entrance of this Carroll County park. the leader is Burton Alexander, 301-381-5574.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Piney Run. A yearly location for possible exotic sightings, this is a hot spot for wintering waterfowl including grebes, goldeneye, and others. Meet 7 a.m. at the Rt. 152/I-95 Park & Ride. The leader is Don Soubie, 301-676-9386.

Sunday, March 24

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Southern Maryland. All-day trip to Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties for gannets, great cormorants, oldsquaw, and other waterfowl and landbirds. Red-throated loons and common loons possible. Scopes recommended. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Nursery Road/Hammond's Ferry Road Park & Ride lot. The leader is Steve Sanford, 301-922-5103.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center for Bird-banding Demonstration and bird walk. Limit 20. Meet 8:45 at Grempler Realty, Columbia. To sign up, call Bonnie Ott at 301-461-3361.

Monday, March 25

MEETING. Wicomico. Annual dinner meeting. 6 p.m. at the Wicomico Presbyterian Church. Bring a covered dish large enough to serve eight. Program; "Bald Eagles," by Glenn Therres.

Tuesday, March 26

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. First in a series of nine Alice Kaestner Memorial Walks to follow the progress of spring migration at Lake Roland. Meet 9 a.m. at Lake Roland in Robert E. Lee Park. The leader is Adelaide Rackemann, 301-823-4709.

MEETING. Patuxent. "Roseate Terns," by Jess Spendelow. 7:45 p.m. at the Bioscience Bldg., Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. For directions, contact David Mozurkewich at 301-459-3375 (H) or 202-653-0948 (W).

MEETING. Washington. "Wildflowers," by Rodney Bartgis, botanist. 7:30 p.m. at Funkstown Elementary School.

Saturday, March 30

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Schooley Mill Park. Looking for early migrants. Meet 8 a.m. at park building. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 301-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Greenbrier Lake & State Park. Meet 9 a.m. at MD Rt. 65 and I-70 Park & Ride.

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